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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Stephen B. Maguire

For (title): VACUUM LOADING SYSTEM

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for a divisional application.

2. Papers Enclosed

- A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

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44 Pages of Specification
7 Pages of Claims
14 Sheets of Drawings -- Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

1 Page of abstract

3. Declaration or Oath

Not Enclosed.

4. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

5. Language

English

6. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED

| Claims | Number Filed | Basic Fee Allowance | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$710.00 |
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| Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c)) | 24 | - 20 = | 4 x | \$18.00 | \$72.00 |
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| Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b)) | 4 | - 3 = | 1 x | \$80.00 | \$80.00 |
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| Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d)) | | | + | \$270.00 | \$0.00 |
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Filing Fee Calculation

\$862.00

7. Small Entity Statement(s)

Status as small entity was claimed in prior application 09/597,502, filed on June 20, 2000, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under 35 U.S.C. SECTION 120, and which status as a small entity is still proper and desired.

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8. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

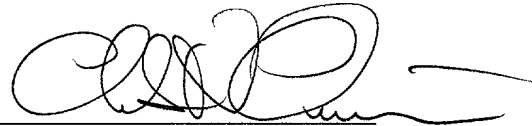
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